

- THE WETTER HOUSE -

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THE WETTER HOUSE
Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia
Oglethorpe Ave. corner of West St.

Owner: Savannah Female Orphan Asylum.

Date of Erection: 1822.

Present Condition: Well kept.

Number of Stories: Three and high basement. Faces West and North.

Materials of Construction: Foundation brick stuccoed, wood floors, exterior walls brick stuccoed. Remodelled.

Other Existing Records: Records by P. Thornton Marye, District Officer, HABS, 1934.

Additional Data: Cast iron balustrade containing medallions with heads of authors and poets on first and second story porch on two sides of building. Original owner and builder Anthony Barclay.

In 1857 house remodelled and cast iron work added by Augustus Wedder, German Architect.

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WETTER HOUSE
425 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, Chatham County
Georgia

HISTORICAL NOTES:

The Wetter House is located at 425 W. Oglethorpe Avenue (formerly South Broad Street) at the corner of West Street. It is three stories and basement high, and of stuccoed brick. The two storied verandas on two façades have very interesting cast-iron railings with medallions containing portraits of authors and poets.

In May 1822 the property was conveyed by the Bank of the State of Georgia to Anthony Barclay, who built the original house. On December 18, 1837, it was transferred to Margaret Telfair. The house was remodelled and the cast-iron work was added in 1857 by Augustus Wetter, a German architect, who married Sarah A.C. Telfair, a widow.

P. Thornton Marye
District Officer, HABS

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